

to the deserts of Iraq, VFW members have taken their place in America's history, serving to preserve "one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

The service of VFW members, however, has never been limited to wartime service—as vital as that has been. VFW members also play indispensable roles within their communities—as volunteers in VA hospitals and advocates for veteran claimants and through numerous civic and youth projects in every State and locality. Indeed, America counts VFW members among its model citizens.

For 100 years as honorable citizens and soldiers, the VFW deserves America's gratitude for a job well done. We salute you.●

#### NORMA SULLIVAN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise in honor of Norma Sullivan, a great Californian who died on September 22 in San Diego.

Norma Sullivan was a woman of many talents: a champion skier, an accomplished poet, a prolific essayist, a loving mother, and an inspirational teacher. But she was best known to her many friends and admirers as a tireless fighter for the environment. As a writer, activist, and spokesperson for the San Diego Audubon Society, Norma was one of Southern California's most dedicated and effective defenders of the natural world.

San Diego County contains some of the nation's most beautiful landscapes and diverse habitat. The County is home to more endangered species per square mile than any other region in the continental United States. Thanks largely to Norma's prodigious efforts, many of these lands and their inhabitants have been preserved for future generations.

She was instrumental in generating support for parks, establishing habitat conservation programs, and blocking projects that would harm the environment—including the proposal to build Pamo Dam near Ramona, which was withdrawn after Norma alerted the community to its dangers.

One of Norma's greatest achievements was her role in creating a major wildlife refuge in southern San Diego Bay. For ten years she worked tirelessly to build support for the refuge among conservationists, landowners, local governments, community members, and federal wildlife agencies. She never shied away from confrontation, but she was always ready to cooperate. Finally, this spring, her long efforts bore fruit when the South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established and dedicated.

This magnificent refuge—and many other pristine tracts of San Diego County—live on as part of Norma Sullivan's legacy. She has also left us a

model of what it means to be an engaged citizen: a person who works for the public good with intelligence, humor, and love.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ROYAL

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the American Royal. The American Royal is an annual Fall event that has contributed much to the Kansas City area over the last century. The Royal features world-class horse and livestock competitions; a top-ten PRCA indoor rodeo; as well as many educational and scholarship programs that foster the development of tomorrow's leaders. The American Royal is truly the Midwest's largest and oldest agricultural extravaganza. From the world's largest Barbecue, to the outstanding parade, music and comedy, to the elegant Concert of Champions, the Royal has something for every member of the family.

Even though the Royal began in the 19th Century, it still plays an integral role in the community by providing a connection to Kansas City's rural roots and by celebrating the value of working in agriculture. For many, being a part of the Royal's livestock shows or rodeo can be the highlight of their career. Not only does the Royal offer agricultural competition, but there are also educational tours of their museum, scholarships and programs for college age youth.

Mr. President, I am truly proud of the contribution the American Royal has made to Kansas City, the state of Missouri, and the entire country over the last 100 years. I wish the Royal well as they continue to be America's best agricultural expose' well into the next millennium.●

#### WORLD SERIES WINNERS

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of the Millville Girls All-Star Softball Team, who recently captured the first-ever Babe Ruth Softball World Series. This past year has seen tremendous accomplishments by American female athletes, including the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Champions. I am pleased that the state of New Jersey can now boast its own champion's in women's athletics through the Millville team.

The Millville team, comprised of girls 16 years old and younger, defeated several worthy opponents at the Softball World Series. The event, which took place in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, was the first Championship of its kind. All of the games were close, particularly the championship game. Millville won this in spectacular fashion, 1-0, on a two-out, ninth-inning-single which scored the winning run. The

girls demonstrated outstanding skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. From pitching a no-hitter, to numerous diving catches, to clutch hitting; the Millville team proved themselves to be superb players, and model young athletes.

The character and manners displayed by the thirteen girls on the Millville team throughout the Softball World Series should be a source of pride for the Millville community, the Southern New Jersey region, and the State as a whole. The values of the parents, teachers, officials, and volunteers of Millville are clearly reflected in the play and conduct of the World Champions.

I am proud to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Rachel Barber, Amy Holliday, Jil Conner, Constance DeSalvo, Tara Haines, Colleen Scholl, Rachel Mudry, Danielle Weber, Megan Lore, Adina De Hainaut, Jodi Dick, Christin Carpini, and Debra Vento. I know they will continue to make New Jersey proud for years to come, and I look forward to watching them defend their title next year.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL GREELY

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Greely on the occasion of his retirement. My good friend Bill served as assistant manager and general manager of the Keeneland Association for 14 years, and is now stepping down from his successful 13-year post as the Association's president.

Bill is a true horseman. He grew up in the Keeneland community, and began spending time at the horse track when he was a small child. Bill began taking on responsibilities at the horse track when he was just seven years old, and has worked in almost every aspect of horse racing in tracks around the country—but it is clear that Bill has always been partial to Keeneland. In 1972, after years of moving around the country from track to track, he finally got his chance to return to his hometown, working at the track he loved.

Bill's long-time affiliation with Keeneland and love of horse racing made him an ideal candidate to manage the track and eventually become president. Bill's knowledge of the horse industry prepared him for his leadership role at Keeneland, and enabled him to make Keeneland one of the nation's premiere horse tracks. During his time at Keeneland, Bill updated the track's betting options, improved the grandstands and grounds, and brought Keeneland to a level of growth that will be hard to exceed or even match.

Keeneland would not be what it is today without Bill's leadership and guidance over the last 27 years—and Bill would not be where he is today without the love and support of his family. His wife Norma, and their children Sean, Kevin and Kara, endured